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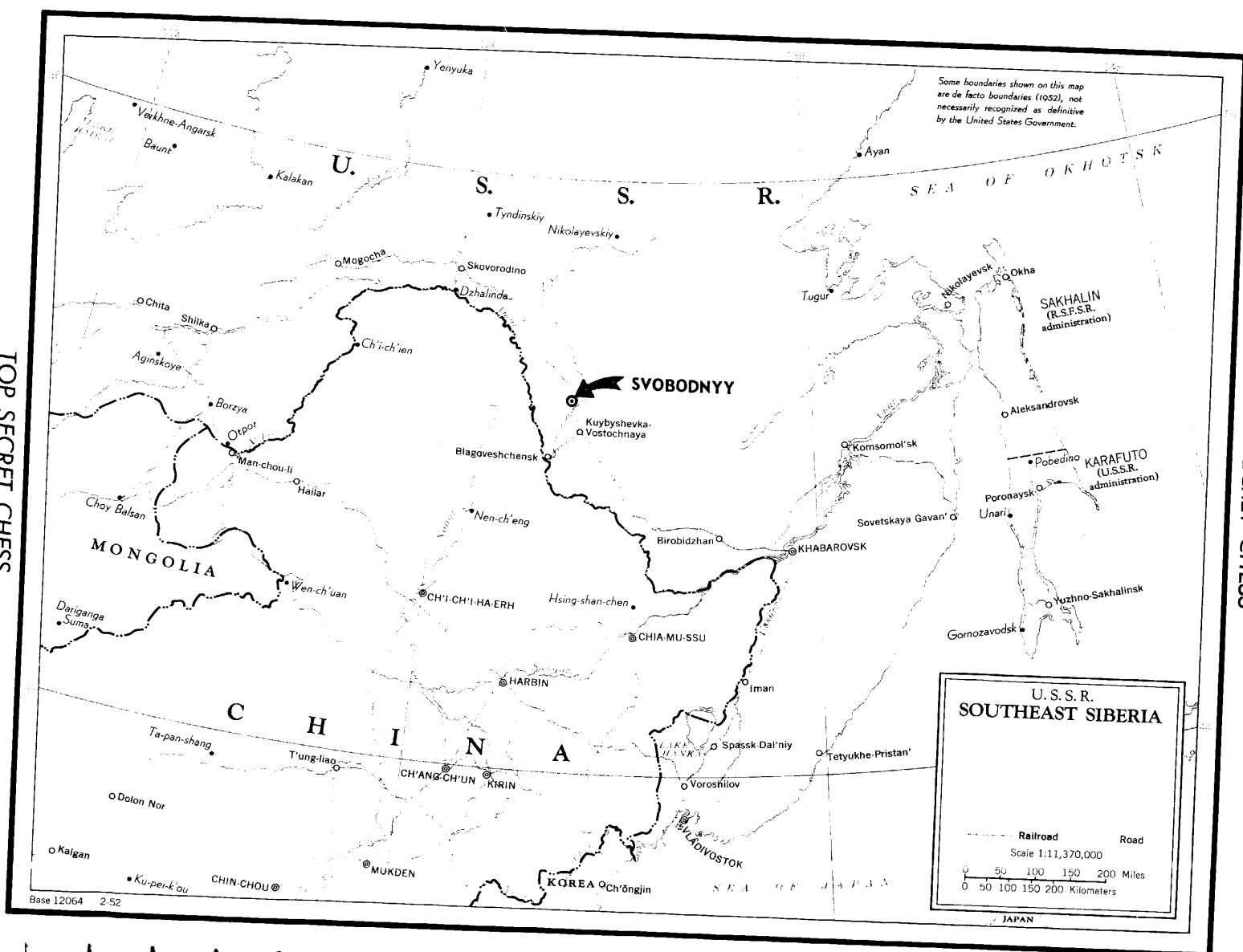
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RAILROAD YARDS AND SHOPS
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Svobodnyy is an important rail center of the Amur Railroad system located 710 kilometers west of Khabarovsk on the Trans-Siberian Railroad (Route 410)*. Aside from its importance to railroad transportation, it is becoming increasingly critical from the military viewpoint. Several significant military installations are located in or near the city.

Railroad facilities at Svobodnyy include one of the largest car repair shops in the Soviet Far East, an important relay yard, and a small yard at the passenger station. These facilities are annotated on the accompanying graphic and described in the key to the annotations. Rail traffic observed in this area on the same date is described in HTA/JM-12/58.

KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. Svobodnyy passenger station, 280 by 45 feet.
2. Passenger station yard, 4 to 6 tracks wide; maximum length 3,600 feet, and effective length 2,600 feet. Two tracks serve through line.
3. Water tower, 25 feet in diameter and 50 feet high.
4. Warehouse area with 17 rail-served buildings. Fourteen measure 160 by 45 feet and three 95 by 45 feet.
5. Tank storage area, rail-served, having thirteen tanks and several buildings. This installation is reported to be a turpentine refinery but could be POL storage.
6. Turning wye, controlling length 180 feet.

* The route number and kilometer location are from CIA/CR #5, USSR Railroad Stations, June 1956.

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS (cont'd)

7. Possible locomotive shed, 120 by 75 feet. This shed does not have the characteristics common to those reported in the Omsk-Barabinsk area, nor could bays or run-in tracks be ascertained. However, this building is adjacent to the turning wye and no possible engine sheds were observed elsewhere.
8. Water tower, 25 feet in diameter and 45 feet high.
9. Railroad overpass, deck-type, 75 feet long. Crosses a road and narrow gauge railroad.
10. Narrow gauge railroad.
11. Water tower, 25 feet in diameter and 75 feet high.
12. Warehouse area with 15 rail-served buildings; average size 135 by 45 feet.
13. Tie yard and treating plant.
14. Small thermal power plant.
15. Car repair shops containing: one 4-track run-through body shop, 375 by 150 feet; two 2-track run-through wheel shops, 225 by 60 feet and 120 by 75 feet; one forge-shop, 300 by 75 feet; one machine shop 225 by 75 feet.
16. Water tower, 25 feet in diameter and 50 feet high.
17. Warehouse area with 10 rail-served buildings; average size 165 by 90 feet.
18. Freight station, 225 by 30 feet.
19. Yard light tower.
20. Pedestrian bridge, 450 feet long.
21. Mikhaylo-Chesnokovskaya passenger station, 90 by 60 feet.
22. Mikhaylo-Chesnokovskaya relay yard, 12 to 15 tracks; maximum length 3,400 feet, effective length 2,200 feet.
23. Car inspection station; two buildings, 105 by 35 feet and 60 by 30 feet.

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REQUIREMENT: This Joint Photographic Intelligence Memorandum presents an analysis of the rail yards and facilities at Svobodnyy. It has been prepared by CIA and Army under Army Chairmanship, and is intended to satisfy in part CIA Requirements as specified in RR/HTA/E/R45/58 and Army Requirements as specified in SR 35-1-58. This report is one of a series of memoranda on the Svobodnyy-Khabarovsk section of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Subsequent reports and memoranda will treat the remaining rail lines in the Soviet Far East as covered by Mission [REDACTED] 25X1D

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